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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the cited U.S. patent.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of an Office Action Communication dated July 31, 2007, from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart application citing such documents. The Japanese Office Action includes an English-language version of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the Japanese Patent Office.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants have included English language Abstracts for the following: JP-A-2002-52813; JP-A-2002-137534; JP-A-8-276653; JP-A-2000-263917; JP-A-10-16379; JP-A-2001-199164; and JP-A-2003-118240. Also, U.S. Patent 4,734,336 corresponds to JP-A-3-118287.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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